

# News Release

## New Jersey Meadowlands Commission



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### **NJMC to Purchase Wetlands in East Rutherford**

LYNDHURST, N.J. – The New Jersey Meadowlands Commission today moved forward in the acquisition of 20 acres of wetlands and upland habitat in the Borough of East Rutherford. This action adds to the protection extended to the 8,400 acres of wetlands and open space the NJMC is preserving and managing.

“Purchasing this land will be another example of this agency’s dedication to preserving ecological balance and open space,” said NJMC Chair Susan Bass Levin, also the state Department of Community Affairs Commissioner. “It is important that we protect wetlands in the Meadowlands wherever possible for the sake of this region’s ongoing renewal.”

The site includes 20 acres of wetlands, as well as almost 4 acres of uplands, along Murray Hill Parkway in East Rutherford. The NJMC has agreed to a selling price of \$246,500 with owner George Abad. These funds are from the NJMC’s open space acquisition fund, which is derived from federal and state grants to preserve open space.

Wildlife found at the site includes northern harriers, red-winged blackbirds, marsh wren and muskrats.

“The acquisition of these wetlands will be another testament to the success of the Meadowlands Master Plan,” said NJMC Executive Director Robert Ceberio. “Within a vital and bustling region of hotels, businesses, warehousing, residential areas and the New York City skyline on the horizon, this valuable piece of nature will be preserved.”

This action comes on the heels of another move for preservation in March, when the NJMC moved forward in the acquisition process for a 1-acre parcel of land in Carlstadt along the Hackensack River. This land will be incorporated into plans for a state-of-the-art public marina and boat launch at the site of the former Barge Club.

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